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SUBJECT: REPORT OF VERIFICATION WORKING GROUP MEETING APRIL 22,
1975 (SALT TWO-626)

1. IN A 3 1/2 HOUR MEETING ON APRIL 22 (A-850) THE TWO SIDES COMPLETED THEIR CONSIDERATION OF THE FIRST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 3 (U.S. ARTICLE X, SOVIET ARTICLE XV). A DISCUSSION OF EARLIER EXAMPLES OF TESTING PRACTICES WHICH MIGHT IMPEDE VERIFICATION WAS INCONCLUSIVE. MAY TOLD SHCHUKIN THAT THE U.S. PHRASE "TO EMPLOY PRACTICES" INCLUDED BOTH DELIBERATE AND NON-DELIBERATE PRACTICES, WHEREUPON SHCHUKIN CUT SHORT HIS DISCUSSION OF WHAT WOULD BE INCLUDED IN DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURES AND PROCEEDED TO A SUMMARY OF BOTH SIDES' POSITIONS REGARDING THE FIRST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 3. IT WAS AGREED TO BRACKET THE PHRASE "TO EMPLOY PRACTICES", THE SOVIET POSITION BEING THAT DELIBERATE PRACTICES WERE FULLY COVERED BY THE TERM DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURES AND THE INCLUSION OF NON-DELIBERATE PRACTICES COULD NOT BE DISCUSSED BY THEM. IT WAS AGREED THE PROHIBITION ON DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURES APPLIED TO ANY DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURE WHICH WOULD IMPEDE VERIFICATION BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS OF ALL RELEVANT PROVISIONS

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OF THE AGREEMENT. THE SOVIET SIDE DID NOT AGREE TO REFER SPECIFICALLY

TO TESTING PRACTICES IN THIS CONTEXT.

2. IT WAS AGREED THAT ONLY ONE MORE MEETING WOULD BE NECESSARY
FOR THE PURPOSE OF COVERING THE SECOND SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 3.

3. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, APRIL 28, 1975. JOHNSON

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